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Dear Mr. Yates:

Thank you for your letter of February 3 concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, in particular the case of Mauricio Alberto Poltarak.

Although we have been encouraged by continuing improvements in the human rights situation in Argentina, the United States remains concerned about persistent human rights problems such as continuing disappearances and lack of judicial guarantees in cases of persons suspected of subversion. The enclosed copy of this year's human rights report for Argentina provides a review of the country's human rights performance during 1980.

Regarding the welfare of Mr. Poltarak, the Foreign Office's Working Group on Human rights has responded to our Embassy in Buenos Aires's inquiries that the Argentine Government has no record of his detention, nor any information regarding his whereabouts.

The U.S. Congressional interest in this matter has been communicated to the Foreign Office. Our Embassy will continue to seek information on this case and will keep you informed of any further developments.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable

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cc: American Embassy

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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